

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fumitsugu FUKUYO et al.) Confirmation No.: 4531
Application No.: 10/537,509) Group Art Unit: 2892
Filed: November 30, 2005) Examiner: Elias Ullah
For: METHOD FOR CUTTING)
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b): Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. U.S. Patent No. 5,786,560 was cited in a European Office Action dated July 16, 2009, and the five Japanese references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in a Japanese Office Action or other listing of documents from a counterpart, related, or other application dated September 1, 2009. The other cited references are copending applications or issued patents that the Examiner may find of interest in the present application.

To the undersigned's knowledge, this IDS is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after filing an RCE under § 1.114, or within three months of the application filing date.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c): Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This IDS is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the application.

- The fee of \$180.00 set forth in § 1.17(p) is included herein; or
- Applicant submits that each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

The European Office Action or other listing of documents from a counterpart, related, or other application dated July 16, 2009 and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Although the European Office Action dated July 16, 2009 additionally cites to H4-111800, this document is not listed because it was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on April 4, 2006.

The Japanese Office Action or other listing of documents from a counterpart, related, or other application dated September 1, 2009 and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Although the Japanese Office Action dated September 1, 2009 additionally cites to H11-163403, 2002-205180, and H4-111800, these documents are not listed because they were previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements in this application on December 8, 2005, May 12, 2009 and April 4, 2006, respectively.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

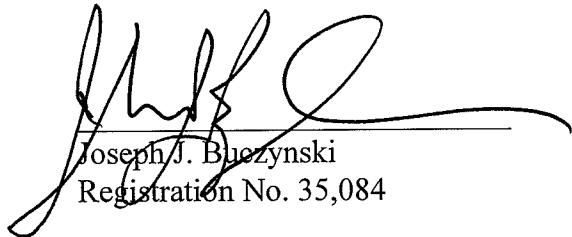
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and

including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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